THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir 168 persons had been arrested under POTA in the State till February, 2003.

(c) and (d) State Government has reported that in some rare cases under POTA offences are not proved during investigation. In such cases either other penal laws are invoked or benefit under section 169 given to the arestee.

Increase in naxalites incidents

†4264. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increase in incidents of naxalites in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra; and

(b) whether amount provided by Central Government from time to time for tackling naxalism and strengthening the police force has been properly and completely utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As per available information, the reasons for increase in naxalite activities in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra are primarily on account of extensive militarization by the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DSZC) of the CPML-PW. DSZC has inducted new cadres and organized military training camps. There has been a marginal decrease in the number of incidents in Madhya Pradesh in 2002 compared to 2001.

(b) Financial assistance for combating extremism in the Left Wing extremism affected States is provided through the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure.

Communal riots

†4265. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of communal riots erupted during the last five years and loss of life and property in such riots;

(b) incidents of communal tension and riots during the last five years in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra and loss of life and property in such incidents; and

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(c) whether Government are contemplating on constituting any other anti-riot force in addition to Rapid Action Force; if so, progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, this information is not maintained centrally by the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

Traffic blockade due to VVIP movements

4266. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether VVIP movements in the capital have become a public nuisance because of long spells of traffic blockade;

(b) whether in a recent instance, students on way to appear for their CBSE Examinations, were held up on way because of VVIP traffic blockade and are asked to reappear for exams by the CBSE; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the severe inconvenience caused to the common man on way to hospitals and railway stations etc., because of traffic blockade for VVIP movements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is sensitive to the inconvenience caused to public on account of security arrangements made during VVIP movements.

After detailed deliberations with security agencies and State authorities, a number of measures have been suggested to all States/UTs to reduce the public inconvenience during movements of VVIPs.

IPS officers involved in crimes

†4267. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn towards involvement of IPS officers in many crimes in various States of the country;

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